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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Headquarters Building Powerplant Boiler Blowdown

1. On 9 February I called Mr. Offenbacher, Director, Design and Construction Division, Central Office, GSA, to discuss proposed actions the Agency desires to perform concerning the rerouting of boiler blowdown effluent from the storm sewer to the sanitary sewer.

2. I informed Mr. Offenbacher that a previous survey conducted by the Office of Water Programs, Region III, Environmental Protection Agency, revealed that boiler blowdown effluent in the storm sewer system could be a possible pollution problem. Mr. Offenbacher was also made aware that subsequent discussions with the Headquarters Building Manager concluded the cost of the proposed modification was in excess of his monetary authority to perform the work.

3. In view of this background and the Agency's desire to undertake timely action in overcoming any known pollution problem in our facilities, I suggested that the Agency was willing to negotiate a contract with an A&E to prepare design drawings for this modification and present them to GSA as "Notes and Sketches."

4. Mr. Offenbacher concurred with this approach and will proceed with appropriate processing and construction contract negotiation upon receipt of "Notes and Sketches" and required inter-Agency documentation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Headquarters Engineering
Branch, RECD/OL

SUBJECT : Action Regarding Boiler Blowdown Wastes from
the Headquarters Boiler Plant

REFERENCES : (a) EPA Report dtd 30 Aug 71 to Mr. Weaver,
Bldg. Mgr. fm C/FAB/OWP/EPA, Subject:
[REDACTED] Boiler Blowdown Discharges
at Headquarters

(b) Exec. Order 11507, Prevention, Control,
and Abatement of Air and Water Pollution
at Federal Facilities, Sec. 3 - Respon-
sibilities, Sec. 4 - Standards, and
Sec. 5 - Procedures; dtd 4 Feb 70

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1. Reference (a) identified the boiler blowdown wastes as an industrial waste pollution source to the storm sewer system at Agency Headquarters. Corrective action is the responsibility of the Head of the Agency according to the stipulations within Reference (b).

2. The fact that quantities of chemicals in the blowdown wastes may be considered relatively small is not appropriate; therefore, the only acceptable recommendation is to reroute it to the sanitary sewer system or to provide other treatment means.

3. If GSA cannot accomplish this work with their funds, then it will be necessary for us to prepare a memorandum to the Director of Logistics asking for the necessary funds.

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